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1. CONTROL OFFICER FOR SUBJECT VISIT WILL BE CALVIN E. MEHLERT, COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.
2. THE EMBASSY HAS DONE TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR THE VISIT BUT NOW URGENTLY NEEDS ETA AND DURATION OF STAY WITHOUT WHICH WE CANNOT APPROACH LIBERIANS TO ASK FOR APPOINTMENTS.
3. AS PLANS NOW STAND, THE VISIT WOULD INCLUDE AN INFORMAL WORKING DINNER WITH MISSION STAFF MEMBERS AND ONE DAY-LONG FIELD TRIP TO BUCHANAN TO VISIT THE OPERATIONS OF LAMCO, A PARTLY AMERICAN-OWNED IRON-ORE EXTRACTION CORPORATION OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO THE LIBERIAN ECONOMY. THE CORE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YOUNG AND DYNAMIC GROUP OF LIBERIANS INCREASINGLY BEING BROUGHT INTO POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT. THESE WOULD BE CHOSEN FROM THE TRUE WHIG PARTY, YOUTH

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AFFAIRS, LEGISLATURE, BUREAUCRACY, ADMINISTRATION AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. HOW MANY OF THE ABOVE WE CAN SCHEDULE DEPENDS UPON THE DURATION OF THE VISIT. AT A MINIMUM WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST DAY: MOST PAN AM FLIGHTS ARRIVE AROUND DAWN AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT FLIGHT. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE

THAT THE DELEGATION REST UNTIL NOON, THEN
TOUR MONROVIA AFTER LUNCH. THE EVENING
PROGRAM WOULD BE AN INFORMAL WORKING DINNER
WITH MEMBERS OF THE MISSION STAFF TO PREPARE
THEM FOR THE DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE DURING
THE VISIT.

SECOND DAY: FOUR SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING
LIBERIAN, TWO IN THE MORNING AND TWO IN THE
AFTERNOON.

THIRD DAY: TRIP TO BUCHANAN

FOURTH DAY: FOUR MORE INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING
LIBERIANS AND ANH OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH
MIGHT BE REQUESTED BY THE ACYPL DURING
THEIR VISIT.

FIFTH DAY: DEPARTURE

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A DINNER WITH LIBERIAN
PERSONALITIES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF REPRESENTATIVE
FOWLER HAS ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS OF HIS OWN.
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